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Forest
Service

Glacier
Ranger
District

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Dear Interested Party:

The Forest Service has completed a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Spencer Integrated Weed Management Project on the Glacier Ranger District. This decision is based on an environmental analysis documented in a 2009 Environmental Assessment (EA), and my review of public comments.

It is my decision to implement Alternative 2, which would treat 10 acres with Integrated Weed Management (IWM) methods in the Spencer area. My decision also includes Project Design Criteria listed on pages 7-8 of the EA. Activities will occur at the following locations: the siding area, approximately five miles of road and trail, some Whistle Stop developments, and the old rock quarry and gravel pit sites. IWM methods mean that a combination of management techniques is used to control a particular invasive plant species or infestations efficiently and effectively, with minimum adverse impacts to non-target organisms. The EA describes in detail the species-specific and site-specific actions that are designed to be practical with minimal risk. Alternative 2 includes both the use of herbicide (glyphosate) and manual controls, such as hand pulling. Treatments would occur annually for up to five years and then reevaluated for effectiveness.

A copy of the Decision Notice is enclosed. Additional information regarding this action, including a copy of the EA, can be obtained from the Glacier Ranger District, Girdwood, Alaska (907) 783-3242.

Sincerely,

KATE P. WALKER
District Ranger

Enclosure

